



AFI FEST 2022 ANNOUNCES DATES AND CALL FOR ENTRIES

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36th Edition of Festival Runs November 2-6, 2022

AFI DOCS Programming Moves to the Fall as Pandemic Endures



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, Los Angeles, CA, February 2, 2022 â?? AFI FEST 2022 has officially announced its dates and call for entries. The 36th edition of [AFI FEST](#) will take place in Los Angeles, CA, on November 2-6, 2022. [Entries open today](#) and filmmakers are invited to submit fiction, documentary, experimental, and animated short films.

AFI also announced that because of the ongoing uncertainty due to the pandemic, AFI FEST will expand its programming with nonfiction films traditionally presented at AFI DOCS in Washington, DC.



Bob Gazzale, AFI President
and CEO

“AFI’s goal is to provide a safe environment for artists and audiences alike,” said Bob Gazzale, AFI President and CEO. “Uniting our events this year to be held in the fall will allow us to achieve this at a standard worthy of AFI and the storytellers who devote their lives to inspire and educate.”

AFI FEST will have submission deadlines – early, official and final – for fiction shorts (under 40 minutes) and nonfiction shorts (under 40 minutes). The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recognizes AFI FEST as a qualifying festival for the Live-Action and Animated Short Film categories for the annual Academy Awards®.

SHORT FILM SUBMISSION DATES

Early Deadline – Wednesday, March 2

Official Deadline – Wednesday, April 20

Final Deadline – Wednesday, June 15

Filmmakers can email Programming@AFI.com for more information about the submissions process.

For sponsorship opportunities at AFI FEST 2022, contact JL Hernandez at JHernandez@AFI.com.

Program highlights from AFI FEST 2021 include the Opening Night World Premiere of *tick, tick...BOOM!*; World Premieres of Halle Berry’s directorial debut *BRUISED*, *SING 2* and *SWAN SONG* starring Mahershala Ali; Red Carpet Premieres of *KING RICHARD* directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green and starring Will Smith, Pedro Almodóvar’s *PARALLEL MOTHERS* and *THE POWER OF THE DOG* directed by Jane Campion and starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Kirsten Dunst, Jesse Plemons, and Kodi Smit-McPhee; and the Indie Contenders roundtable featuring Caitriona Balfe (*BELFAST*), Nicolas Cage (*PIG*), Colman Domingo (*ZOLA*), Ann Dowd (*MASS*), Dakota Johnson (*THE LOST DAUGHTER*) and Simon Rex (*RED ROCKET*).



THE POWER OF THE DOG: BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH as PHIL BURBANK in THE POWER OF

About the American Film Institute (AFI)

The American Film Institute (AFI) is a nonprofit organization with a mandate to champion the moving image as an art form. Established in 1967, AFI launched the first comprehensive history of American film and sparked the movement for film preservation in the United States. In 1969, AFI opened the doors of the **AFI Conservatory**, a graduate-level program to train narrative filmmakers. AFI's enduring traditions include the **AFI Life Achievement Award**, which honors the masters for work that has stood the test of time; **AFI AWARDS**, which celebrates the creative ensembles of the most outstanding screen stories of the year; and scholarly efforts such as the **AFI Catalog of Feature Films** and the **AFI Archive** that preserve film history for future generations. AFI exhibition programs include **AFI FEST**, **AFI DOCS**, and a year-round exhibition at the **AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center** in Maryland. Other pioneering programs include workshops aimed at increasing diversity in the storytelling community, including the **AFI Directing Workshop for Women** and the **AFI Cinematography Intensive for Women**. AFI's newest program is **AFI Movie Club**, a daily global engagement for those who love the movies. Read about all of these programs and more at [AFI.com](https://www.aficom.com) and follow us on social media at [Facebook.com/AmericanFilmInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanFilmInstitute), [YouTube.com/AFI](https://www.youtube.com/AFI), [Twitter.com/AmericanFilm](https://twitter.com/AmericanFilm) and [Instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute](https://www.instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute).

About AFI FEST

Now in its 36th year, AFI FEST is a world-class event, showcasing the best films from across the globe. With an innovative slate of programming, the five-day festival historically presents screenings, panels, and conversations, featuring both master filmmakers and new cinematic voices. This year's edition takes place November 2-6, 2022. The festival includes high-profile films with Q&As featuring the films' cast and crew and a robust lineup of fiction and nonfiction features and shorts presented in established AFI FEST sections. Additional information about AFI FEST is available at [FEST.AFI.com](https://www.fest.aficom.com). Connect with AFI FEST at [Facebook.com/AFIFEST](https://www.facebook.com/AFIFEST), [Twitter.com/AFIFEST](https://twitter.com/AFIFEST), [Instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute](https://www.instagram.com/AmericanFilmInstitute) and [YouTube.com/AFI](https://www.youtube.com/AFI).



HollywoodGlee celebrating the start of the 2019 AFI FEST presented by Audi.
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